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FOR KOBELINSKI FROM SAUER, EXIMBANK

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: DAHOMEY OIL REFINERY

REFERENCE MY JANUARY 24 TELEX AND BIERMAN'S JANUARY 29 RESPONSE.
YOU SHOULD KNOW WE HAVE AGREED WITH LITWIN TO RECONSIDER SUBJECT
APPLICATION UPON YOUR RETURN. AS WE MADE CLEAR TO LITWIN WE
REMAIN NEGATIVE ABOUT PROJECT, YOU SHOULD NOT BE ENCOURAGING IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH DAHOMEY OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE YOU
TO MAKE SOME DISCRETE INQUIRIES IN ORDER TO MAKE A JUDGMENT
WHETHER THE MILITARY REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT OF DAHOMEY WAS
GIVEN INDEPENDENT ADVICE IN CONNECTION WITH AWARDING THE
CONTRACT TO LITWIN. WE ARE TOLD THE MRGD HAS A VERY
CAPABLE GROUP WORKING ON OIL INCLUDING A FRENCH OIL EXPERT. IF
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YOU ARE ABLE TO SATISFY YOURSELF THAT THE MRGD DOES

APPRECIATE WHAT IT IS GETTING INTO IN CONSTRUCTING THE REFINERY
WITH LITWIN IT WILL ALLAY AT LEAST ONE OF THE RESERVATIONS WE HAVE
ABOUT THE DEAL BUT IN REPEAT NOT ALL OF THEM. KISSINGER

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